

REMARKS

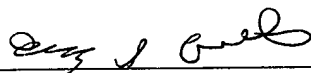
In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 14, 15, 18 and 19 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Jensen (U.S. Patent No. 5,546,684). Claims 16, 17, 20 and 21 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 1-13 and 23-32 were allowed. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections of claims 14, 15, 18 and 19, including independent claims 14 and 18.

Independent claim 14 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 17. Since there are no intervening claims, claim 14 is allowable. Similarly, independent claim 18 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 20. Since there are no intervening claims, independent claim 18 is allowable.

CONCLUSION:

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and seeks early allowance thereof. If for any reason, the Examiner is unable to allow the application but believes that an interview would be helpful to resolve any issues, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at (312) 321-4726.

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